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Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Esq.

Sir!

In consequence of extreme necessary I am compelled to call on your philantropical heart.

I'm the undersigned a native of Hungary and former resident of Charleston (S.C.) engaged for the last seven years in selling religious books, but through family circumstances I am out of means and according to this condition I went to Kingston (Can. W.) to see an uncle of mine in prospect of getting some means to proceed in my future progress, but when arrived there I ~~found~~ received the information of his leaving to New York. In a strange place I trusted in providence and started on foot with a faithfull and encouraged heart, but still by my arrival here I found myself worne out. Here in the city of Boston am I an intire stranger, out of means & homeless, unable to get my living and in consequence of hunderts of deceiving individuals, whom fills the streets of Boston as I am told I cannot gaine a single friend, whom will interest himself on my case.

In this discouraging condition I went around Town

applying for employement but with no success I
stated my case to a gentleman, whom directed
me to your honour, wherefore I have taken the
liberty to lay this case before you for a fair examination;
It is not my costume to cloth myself with the
character of a beggar, but still the law of our
Lord, consisting in the holy Bible calls me to my
duty, wherefore I will pray and beseech your honour
to lent me as much as my fare to New-York, where
my christian friends are willing to receive me and
as soon as I arrive there I will return to you the same
amount, including with a thankfull heart. In
hope as the Lord will cuspire your pleasant heart
to this charitable act, I remain very faithfully

Your obliged servant
Louis Grabow

If you will find
any gramatical
faults, please excuse
me, for I am a foreigner.
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